



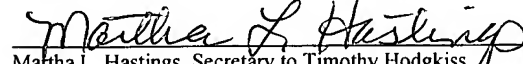
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 1, 2011, the Applicants, through their attorney, respond as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.